GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING TO PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total time taken to train a person into a commercial pilot is likely to come down;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it will produce the lower quality pilots for come down the training period; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (d):- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)requirements only provide for the minimum flying hours required for issue of Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL). The time within which these flying hours can be acquired depends upon the respective flying training institutions. In view of the lesser time taken by the foreign flying institutes to train a person for commercial pilot, flying institutes in India are trying to reduce their total time of training. However, no such directive has been issued by DGCA. The flying clubs are required to maintain the standards of training and quality of pilots coming out of such training as per DGCA requirements.